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QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS

1. According to Statistical Yearbook data on alien status published by the Ministry of the Interior, there were 538,984 foreign residents in Spain as of 31 December 1996. The breakdown of immigrants by country of origin is as follows:

Germany	45 898
Austria	2 566
Belgium	9 847
Denmark	5 107
Finland	3 131
France	33 134
United Kingdom	68 359
Greece	688
Ireland	2 870
Italy	21 362
Luxembourg	171
Netherlands	13 925
Portugal	38 316
Sweden	6 545
Total, European Union	**251 919**
Bosnia and Herzegovina	302
Bulgaria	973
Croatia	224
Hungary	230
Poland	3 172
Czech Republic	451
Romania	1 386
Russian Federation	958
Ukraine	240
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	842
Others, eastern Europe	1 453
Norway	3 253
Switzerland	7 138
Turkey	340
Others	1 200
Total, Europe	**274 081**
Argentina	18 246
Bolivia	955
Brazil	5 964
Chile	5 936
Colombia	7 865
Costa Rica	332
Cuba	7 814
Ecuador	2 913
El Salvador	925
Guatemala	395
Honduras	743
Mexico	4 328
Nicaragua	443
Panama	428
Paraguay	502
Peru	18 023
Dominican Republic	17 845
Uruguay	4 028
Venezuela	6 634
Canada	1 222
United States of America	15 661
Others	336
Total, Americas	**121 268**
Algeria	3 706
Egypt	690
Libya	170
Morocco	77 189
Tunisia	410
Angola	411
Cape Verde	2 166
Gambia	4 401
Equatorial Guinea	2 096
Mauritania	519
Nigeria	478
Senegal	3 575
Others, Africa	16 655
Total, Africa	**98 820**
Bangladesh	346
China	10 816
South Korea	1 684
Philippines	11 770
India	6 882
Iraq	321
Iran	1 704
Israel	292
Japan	2 998
Jordan	582
Lebanon	987
Pakistan	2 471
Syria	908
Taiwan	630
Thailand	285
Others, Asia	796
Total, Asia	**43 471**

Australia	799
New Zealand	124
Others, Oceania	6
Total, Oceania	**929**
Stateless persons	415

1.1 There are an estimated 1.8 million Spaniards residing abroad, principally in Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Germany and Switzerland.

1.2 The above-mentioned foreign residents are authorized to work in Spain.

1.3 There are estimated to be approximately 100,000 irregular immigrants in Spain, many of whom have taken advantage of the system of quotas established by the Government each year for the regularization of their status. A quota or ceiling of 25,000 was set in 1997 to regularize the status of illegal immigrants who had offers of employment.

2. Legal measures for the protection of immigrants:

Ratification of the 1954 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness on 12 May 1997;

Ministerial Order on the Reunification of Families of Immigrants;

Regulations to improve the conditions in internment centres;

Subsidies for a legal aid network.

2.1 Public information: Awareness-raising campaign against racism and xenophobia in 1997;

Drafting of the Forum for Integration of Immigrants White Paper.

2.2 Other measures: Establishment of the Forum for Immigration in the Autonomous Communities. Subsidy for the implementation of the Plan for Social Integration of Immigrants. Subsidies for non-governmental organizations.

3. According to press reports, there have been some manifestations of racism in the Almeria region (southern Spain), where large numbers of African immigrants live.

4. Spain has ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions Nos. 97 and 143 concerning the rights of immigrants.